

WEST WILMINGTON CORP.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to limit the claims to the claims indicated in the action to be allowable, claims 5, 7, 11 and 12, and to claims dependent on these claims. Specifically, claims 5 and 7 have each been rewritten in independent form by amending these claims to include the limitations of claim 1. (Claims 11 and 12, indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, have not been amended since these claims depend on claims 5 and 7, respectively). Claim 3, which previously depended on claim 1 has been amended to depend on claim 5. New claim 13 and 14 have been added to the application. New claim 13 corresponds to claim 3, but is dependent on amended (independent) claim 7. New claim 14 depends on new claim 13 and recites the water-holdability recited in claim 10, which depends on claim 3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 have been cancelled.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and a formal notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

PATENT APPLN. NO. 09/901,576
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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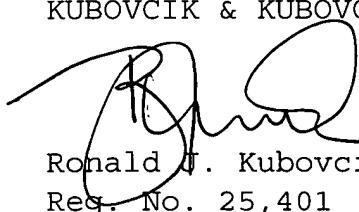
If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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